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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST OVER EVENTS PLANNED IN COMMEMORATION OF
1953 EAST BERLIN UPRISING

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SOVIET PROTEST TO FRENCH AS CHAIRMAN ON
JUNE 14 CONCERNING EVENTS PLANNED TO COMMEMORATE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF 1953 UPRISING IN EAST BERLIN, ALLIES ARE
TAKING SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE MILITARY
POLICE TO PREVENT POSSIBLE SOVIET INTERFERENCE WITH PLANNED
COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. TYUTYUNOV, FIRST SECRETARY OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN
EAST BERLIN, CALLED ON FRENCH (CHAIRMAN) POLAD PERRIN JUNE 14
AND READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
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WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE PEOPLE IN WEST BERLIN PLAN
A MASSIVE SERIES OF PROPAGANDA EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTER-REVOLU-
TIONARY DEVELOPMENTS OF JUNE 17, 1953. THESE WILL INCLUDE
A SPECIAL SITTING OF THE WEST BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-

TIVES, PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS IN THE STREETS AND PRINCIPAL SQUARES OF THE CITY AS WELL AS ALONG THE SECTOR LIMITS, EXHIBITIONS, DISCUSSION GROUPS, ETC.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT WILL APPEAR AT THESE EVENTS AS PARTICIPANTS OR ORGANIZERS. AMONG THEM ONE MYA PARTICULARLY CITE MR. LORENZ, PRESIDENT OF THE WEST BERLIN HOUSE AND GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT POLITICAL PERSONALITIES FROM THE FRG WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN CERTAIN EVENTS INCLUDING BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT CARSTENS AND KOHL, CHIEF OF THE CDU/CSU GROUP OF THE BUNDESTAG. BOTH WILL BE COMING YET ONCE AGAIN ON A SPECIAL TRIP TO THIS CITY WHICH IS NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND IS NOT GOVERNED BY IT.

THE CHARACTER OF THE EVENTS WHICH ARE BEING PREPARED INDICATES IN UNEQUIVOCAL FASHION THAT THEY ARE BEING ORGANIZED AS A GROSSLY PROVOCATIVE DEMONSTRATION DIRECTED AGAINST THE USSR, THE GDR, AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AS WELL AS AGAINST DETENTE AND AGAINST MAINTENANCE OF NORMAL RELATIONS AS GOOD NEIGHBORS IN THE REGION OF WEST BERLIN. IT IS INDISPUTABLE THAT THESE EVENTS CAN ONLY SERVE THE PURPOSES OF THOSE WHO ASSERT IN WORDS THAT WEST BERLIN OUGHT TO BE THE TOUCH STONE OF DETENTE BUT WHO GO ON IN REALITY WITH ATTEMPTS TO POISON THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE HERE.

THE SOVIET EMBASSY WISHES TO REMIND YOU (I.E., THE THREE WESTERN POWERS) THE FOUR POWERS HAVE ALL UNDERTAKEN AN OBLIGATION
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IN THE QA OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 TO WORK TOWARDS ELIMINATING TENSION AND PREVENTING COMPLICATIONS IN THIS AREA. TOWARDS THIS END THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE AUTHORITIES OF THREE POWERS WHO POSSESS SUPREME AUTHORITY IN WEST BERLIN WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT THAT THIS CITY CAN BE UTILIZED FOR PURPOSES HOSTILE TO THE USSR, TO THE GDR, TO OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS PURPOSES WHICH LEAD TO A POISONING OF THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE AROUND THE CITY. EDN
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2. PERRIN REPLIED THAT HE WOULD OF COURSE CONVEY TEXT
OF SOVIET REMARKS TO AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS
BUT THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE
SOVIET EMBASSY ON THE EVENTS OF 1953.

3. PERRIN CONTINUED THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY SHOULD NOT
EXPECT THAT THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES WOULD WISH TO USE
THEIR AUTHORITY IN THE WESTERN SECTORS IN ORDER TO
PREVENT THESE PURELY COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS FROM TAKING
PLACE.

4. TYUTYUNOV RESPONDED THAT HE WAS GRAVELY DISA-
POINTED BY THIS RESPONSE: THE INDIFFERENCE MANIFESTED
BY THE ALLIES IN THE FACE OF SUCH EXAGGERATED "POLITICAL
EXPRESSIONS" MADE THEM ACCOMPLICES IN A GROSS PROVOCATION
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AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. THE ALLIES KNEW FULLY WELL
THAT "NOT EVERYTHING" WAS AUTHORIZED IN WEST BERLIN.
THUS, THEY HAD JUST FORBIDDEN A CONGRESS OF THE NPD, AN
ACT WITH WHICH THE SOVIET UNION WAS MOST PLEASED.

5. TYUTYUNOV CONTINUED THAT THE EVENTS PLANNED IN COM-
MEMORATION OF THE 1953 UPRISING WERE MOST CAREFULLY
PREMEDITATED AND OBJECTED IN PARTICULAR TO THE TEXT USED
ON INVITATIONS SENT BY HOUSE PRESIDENT LORENZ
INVITING DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS TO THE SPECIAL HOUSE
SESSION WHICH REFERRED TO "THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

POPULAR UPRISING IN EAST BERLIN AND IN THE SOVIET ZONE
OF OCCUPATION."

6. PERRIN REJECTED ALL IMPLICATIONS THAT THE ALLIES WERE INVOLVED IN ANY ANTI-SOVIET PROVOCATIONS AND NOTED THAT THE EXAMPLE OF THE NPD CONGRESS WAS NOT PERTINENT TO TOPIC UNDER DISCUSSION. ONE COULD ASSUME THAT THE SPEECHES WHICH WOULD BE MADE WOULD NOT PLEASE THOSE WHO HAD REPRESSED THE 1953 UPRISING BUT THE ALLIES WOULD PERMIT ANY EVENT TO TAKE PLACE WHICH DID NOT DISTURB PUBLIC ORDER. EVENTS WHICH MIGHT EXPRESS DIRECLTY OPPOSING VIEWS WOULD ALSO BE PERMITTED.

7. PERRIN ALSO INQUIRED WHAT PROVISION OF THE QA WAS BEING ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED IN THE SOVIET VIEW BY THE PRESENCE OF VARIOUS FRG OFFICIALS AT THE COMMEMORARY EVENTS BEING PLANNED. THE ALLIES SAW NO VIOLATION WHATEVER. TYUTYUNOV GAVE NO DIRECT RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION.

8. IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIETS MAKE BACK UP PROTEST WITH PARTOL CAR ACTIVITY, U.S. WILL HAVE TWO MP CARS,
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ONE WITH A RUSSIAN-SPEAKING MP LIEUTENANT ON HAND AT THE RATHAUS SCHOENEBCRG (IN U.S. SECTOR) WHERE SPECIAL HOUSE SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 16, WHILE THE FRENCH WILL HAVE A CAR OF GENDARMES AT THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT A CEMETERY IN THE FRENCH SECTOR.

9. WE HOPE CONSPICUOUS PRESENCE OF ALLIES WILL SUFFICE TO DETER ANY SOVIET THOUGHTS OF INTERFERING WITH PARTICIPANTS OF THESE CEREMONIES. WE UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE NO MOTORCADES, SO THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF A REPEAT OF SOVIET INTERFERENCE WITH SCHEEL AND COLOMBO MOTORCADES.

10. USCOB CONCURS. DAVIS

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